

REMARKS

Applicants submit this Preliminary Amendment pursuant to filing a Continued Prosecution Application in the above-identified matter. Applicants previously filed an Appeal and Appeal Brief in response to the Examiner's final rejection of the claims in a Final Office Action mailed November 9, 2000. In response to the Appeal Brief, the Examiner mailed an Examiner's Answer on August 1, 2001.

As set forth above, Applicants have cancelled claims 1-11 and 21-34 from the present application and have added new claims 35-57. New claims 35-57 are fully supported by the Specification and introduce no new matter. Applicants assert that claims 40-65 are patentable over the cited references because none of the cited references teach or suggest a method of making compliant semiconductor chip packages including "selectively electroplating elongated bond ribbons atop said dielectric protective layer and said compliant layer, wherein each said bond ribbon electrically connects one of said chip contacts to an associated conductive terminal disposed on the top surface of said compliant layer, and wherein said elongated bond ribbons extend along the sloping edges of said compliant layer and have a first curved region overlying the first curved transition region of said compliant layer and a second curved region overlying the second curved transition region of said compliant layer."

In view of the above amendment and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims pending in this application possess the requisite novelty, utility and unobviousness necessary to warrant their immediate allowance. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he telephone Applicants' attorneys at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any objections that may remain.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this Preliminary Amendment the Examiner is authorized to charge Applicants' Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

Respectfully submitted,

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